

Saguache County Board of Commissioners met in regular session  
Tuesday, January 8, 2007 with the following present:

Mike Spearman, Chairman  
Linda Joseph, Vice Chairman  
Sam Pace, Commissioner  
Ben Gibbons, County Attorney  
Wendi Maez, Co-Administrator  
Lyn Zimmer, Co-Administrator  
Melinda Myers, Secretary and Clerk to the Board

Meeting called to order by Chairman Spearman at 9:02 A.M.

Under Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:

1. Add - Social Services Executive Session after the Land Use report at 10:45.

**Joseph moved to approve the agenda as amended. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

Reading and approval of minutes:

**Joseph moved to approve the minutes of January 2, 2008 as amended. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

Review of Mail:

1. **Colorado City/County Management Association**, sent information on the Winter Conference that will be held on Thursday, February 21-Saturday, February 23, 2008 at the Hotel Colorado in Glenwood Springs. (01/07/08)
2. **Kenan Diker**, State of Colorado Biosolids Management Program Water Quality Control Division, sent a letter in regards to Amendment to Letter of Intent for the Use and Distribution of Biosolids Parker Ag Services SAGRAM28-2A; CDPH&E BMP #1015 located within Saguache County. Questions, concerns or comments must be directed to Mr. Diker within 15 days of the date of this letter. (01/07/08)
3. **The Board of Directors Gunnison County Metropolitan Recreation District**, sent their annual report. (01/08/08)

**Introduction of Guests:** Doug Larsen – Crestone Eagle; Annette Conley – Conley Waste Management

**Re-organization of Board:**

**Joseph moved to nominate Sam Pace as the BOCC Chairman. Pace seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Pace moved to nominate Mike Spearman as the BOCC Vice-Chairman. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Department Head appointments/re-appointments  
2008 BOCC appointments**

**Pace moved to make the following appointments:**

**Co-County Administrators – Wendi Maez and Lyn Zimmer**  
**Budget Officer – Wendi Maez and Lyn Zimmer**  
**Personnel Administrator – Wendi Maez and Lyn Zimmer**  
**Land Use Administrator – Wendi Maez**  
**County Attorney – Ben Gibbons**  
**Road and Bridge Supervisor – Randy Arredondo**  
**Land fill Supervisor – Randy Arredondo**  
**Coyote Ear Coordinator - Randy Arredondo**  
**Social Services Director – Jeannie Norris**  
**Nursing Services Director – Donna Newsom**  
**Library Director – Carla Mondragon**  
**Library Administrator – Penny Bruce**  
**Veterans Officer – Tom Blunt**  
**County Emergency Manager – Kimberly Bryant**  
**Health Department designee for Land Use issues – Wendi Maez**  
**GIS reps – Jackie Stephens, Wendi Maez and Connie Trujillo**  
**Official Newspaper – Saguache Crescent**  
**Health Department designee – Linda Joseph**  
**Senior Citizens Rep. – Sam Pace**  
**SLV Development Resources Group – Mike Spearman**  
**CCI Legislative Committee Designee – Sam Pace**  
**SLV Regional Transportation Commission – Mike Spearman**  
**Emergency Management/Homeland Security Rep. – Mike Spearman**  
**County Designated Health Officer/County Quarantine Officer – Linda Joseph**  
**Development Resources Group Loan Review Board Rep. – Rick Wertz**  
**Economic Vitality Task Force - Wendi Maez**  
**Sage Grouse Conservation Strategic Committee Representative - Linda Joseph**  
**Gunnison Weed District - Terry Peterson**

**Joseph seconded the motion: The vote was three Ayes.**

**Commissioners' Reports-Updates of Meetings:**

**Linda Joseph reported:**

- January 3 - Attended the Tourism Council meeting for discussion of how to best align pursuit of web services for Tourism and the County as a whole. Tourism Council reps will be present at the next BOCC meeting to discuss options with the Board. There was also preliminary discussion on a future time for the BOCC and TC to review how the first year has gone, what's been learned in applying the new directives for the Council, and how 2008 is shaping up for Tourism Council activities. Joseph questioned Attorney Gibbons if the ad for bids on the TC website could be expanded to include County website as a whole. Unfortunately, a new ad will need to

be run outlining the total scope of work. Joseph will write the bid request and send it to administration for publication.

- Received a call from Mike Blenden, USFWS, regarding our requests for Cooperating Agency status. Mr. Blenden is not available to come to January BOCC scheduled meetings, and needs time to read through the packet the County sent. Mr. Rundle is out of the office due to personal circumstances, and it is not know when he might review and respond to our request. Joseph provided Blenden with additional references on the Cooperating Agency process, and requested that he and Mr. Rundle advise the Board, when they know how they would like to proceed.
- Notified participants of the Hwy 114 Hazmat meeting that Randy Arredondo would be following up with the Petition to resolve the Hwy 114 restrictions compliance conflict.
- January 7 - The timing of the Antler Shed Season decision by the CO Wildlife Commission in Denver on Jan 10, in which Joseph intended to participate, conflicts with that of the SEMTAC meetings. In lieu of attending, Joseph provided a letter sending regrets and supporting the Strategic Committee's recommendations.

**Sam Pace** reported:

- Attended the CCI meeting with several legislators on the issue of the funding formula on calculating the Federal Mineral Lease monies. A committee will be formed to make recommendations to the Governor.

**Mike Spearman** reported:

- Attended SLV Cattleman's Association annual meeting.

**Lyn Zimmer and Wendi Maez** - CO-Administrators:

**Pace moved to convene as the Housing Board at 9:53 A.M. Joseph seconded. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Pace moved to adjourn the Housing Board and return to regular meeting at 9:56 P.M. Joseph seconded. The vote was two Ayes.**

**Pace moved to approve the service contract between Saguache County Sheriff's Office and the Town of Saguache. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

- Mike Norris has requested that we present Saguache County's service contract with the Town of Saguache for signature, he has signed the contract already.
- The agenda has been updated to show the changes approved at the last meeting. Andrew Archuleta from the FS/BLM has been added to the first meeting of each month at 2PM, just waiting to hear back from him to make sure this is a good time for him.
- The Colorado River Water Conservation District appointment has been advertised.
- WildBlue Internet Services – the cost for WildBlue internet satellite service would be \$249 Dish with 2 year contract - \$49 per month and \$79.95 for installation. They will

only bring one line into the building and we would have to hire an installer separately, to network it from that spot.

Break

**Wendi Maez** - Land Use Administrator:

**Pace moved to approve the advertising of a \$15,000 Title III funding request from the Saguache County Land Use Department for costs involved in the creation and implementation of Oil and Gas regulations. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

- Saguache County Land Use Department would like to request \$15,000 of Title 3 Funding for the creation and implementation of Saguache County Oil & Gas regulations. Much of the Oil and Gas exploration is either located on the public lands or located next to public lands. There will be several meetings, work sessions and public hearings within the next six months. During this time period research will need to be done, planning commission meetings will be held; review time and funds for consultants to review the regulations for implementation and public hearings will be held. Most of these will have fees needed for the regulations to be created and implemented within this six month time period.
- Saguache County Master Plan Update and potluck meeting will be Thursday, January 10 from 5:30 -8 at the Saguache Town Community Building.
- Maez presented a map of the partial interest mining claim located on the Gunnison/Saguache County lines, which Saguache County owns due to non-payment of taxes of \$149.79. Maez will advertise the sale in the Crescent and notify the adjacent property owner, who has expressed interest.

**Pace moved to adjust the conditional use fees so they would all be the same. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

- Land Use wants to raise the fee for additional residence conditional use permits from \$300 to \$500.

**Pace moved to enter into Executive Session at 10:53 A. M. for legal purposes under CRS 24-6-402 (4)(b) and recused himself. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Joseph moved to return to regular session at 11:15 A. M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was two Ayes.**

**Ben Gibbons** - County Attorney Report:

**Pace moved to approve as amended Resolution #LU-08-01, imposing a six month moratorium prohibiting the acceptance, processing, or approval of development applications, development permits, and/or conditional use permits, for oil or natural gas exploration or development activities, including, but not limited to, permits for exploration activities or development of staging areas in the unincorporated area of Saguache County, Colorado. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

- Oil and Gas Moratorium resolution was read and reviewed by the Board. Pace stated that the reasons for a moratorium were as follows:  
Even the State recognizes the need for stronger regulations to protect surface owner rights wildlife and water quality and other health and safety issues. Both our planning commissions unanimously recommended we do this. It is not a property rights infringement as it merely postpones our permit process until our oil and gas regulations are adopted.
- Attorney Gibbons will research special events permit in the town of Creed and Monte Vista.

#### **Auditor selection**

**Pace moved to accept the bid for the 2007 audit from Johnson, Holscher & Company PC. Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

- Auditor selection – Administration recommends staying with McMahan for the 2007 audit, and then go with Johnson, Holscher & Company PC for the '08 audit. There is not time to change auditors at this time of year due to the fact that the audit is due to the County by June 30<sup>th</sup> and the 3 auditors we interviewed would have a hard time getting the '07 audit completed on time. There is a lot of research time needed to do the audits correctly.
- Johnson, Holscher & Company PC was contacted and confirmed that they could in fact meet the schedule in conducting the County's 2007 audit.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 P.M. for Lunch.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:04 P.M.

#### **Annette Conely – Conley Waste Management-**

Received the letter from Attorney Gibbons requesting payment of the past due account for County Land fill fees. Conley acknowledged the amount past due was correct. She brought two checks with her and will bring another one tomorrow to bring the account current. Conley agreed to stay current from now forward.

#### **Sales Tax grant discussion:**

- Dates for the Spring granting cycle will be: Application deadline March 7, 2008 with decisions by the April 1 BOCC meeting, and grants awarded by April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008.
- A few changes were made to the application form.

- Administration staff will make a full inquiry to people who call to be on the agenda for projects and issues to see if they intend to apply for sales tax grant. Grant Applicants are not scheduled, unless the BOCC requests a presentation.
- Dates for the Fall sales tax granting cycle will be: Application deadline September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 with decisions by the October 7<sup>th</sup> BOCC meeting, September 16<sup>th</sup> and grants awarded by October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008.
- A few follow up reports from previous grant recipients have been received. Some of the grants were for long-term projects which will report over time. Administration will develop a follow up form for review by the Board.

Break

**Pace moved to enter into Executive Session at 2:55 P. M. for personnel purposes under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f)(i). Joseph seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

**Joseph moved to return to regular session at 5:08 P. M. Spearman seconded the motion. The vote was three Ayes.**

Executive Session – Pre-evaluation executive session

**Joseph moved to adjourn at 5:10 P.M. Joseph seconded. The vote was three Ayes.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Melinda Myers Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Approved January 15, 2008

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Chair

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Commissioner

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